



Dear Athlete and Supporter,

2022 NATIONAL TRANSPLANT GAMES: 7th JULY TILL 10th JULY GQEBERHA

The SATSA Management Committee and the Regional Organising Committee (ROC) thank you all for the overwhelming response to the invitation to register for the 2022 National Transplant Games (NTG) in Gqeberha. We have received registrations from 92 athletes and 65 supporters. Gqeberha is already opening all stops to make this event a memorable experience.

TRAVEL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We would appreciate it if you could complete Form 4 (attached) indicating your travel arrangements as well as your attendance of social activities. This will assist the ROC to arrange airport transport and obtain correct numbers of attendance of social events for catering purposes.

DEADLINE: 30TH MAY 2022

NOTE: *Travel expenses to Gqeberha and back are for your own account.*

MEDICAL FORMS

Before competing in the NTG, it is expected that your general level of health and fitness is stable as judged by your attending physician and in line with the different criteria for your particular transplant. We would appreciate it if you could make an appointment with your attending physician ASAP to complete Form 5 (attached).

DEADLINE: 30TH MAY 2022

RULES OF THE GAMES AND EXTRA-ORDINARY OPPORTUNITY TO QUALIFY

Attached please find the final Rules of the Games. Please take note of the section outlining application for Extra-ordinary opportunity to qualify in the following circumstances:

- Athletes who due to unforeseen circumstances could not attend the scheduled National Transplant Games (NTG) – eg where athletes registered but have health or work challenges.
- Athletes who experienced clashes with sports items during the NTG. **TAKE NOTE: *Permission for extra-ordinary qualification will only be given if the sports item does not clash with other items on the World Transplant Games 2023 schedule. Visit <https://transplant.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WTG2023-Website-Schedule-July21-V5.pdf>***

This request (attached) must reach the Secretary of SATSA **not later than 5th July 2022**

QUALIFYING STANDARDS AND SA TEAM SELECTION

The NTG is the first opportunity to qualify to be considered for inclusion in the SA Team to participate in the World Transplant Games (WTG) in 2023 in Perth, Australia.

For athletes to prepare themselves to reach qualifying standards and be included in the SA Team or attempt to break a SA record, the following documents are attached:

- Qualifying Standards for WTG 2023
- Team Selection process for WTG 2023
- SA Records (2019)

AGE GROUP DIFFERENCES FOR NTG AND WTG

The following policy was accepted by the SATSA Management Committee in 2018 relating to this issue:

The Rules of the Games for the National Transplant Games (NTG) and the World Transplant Games stipulate the following:

“Age on the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games will apply”

In the case where an athlete participates in one age group at the NTG but will participate in another age group at the WTG, the following will apply relating to the **re-qualifying period**:

1. At the National Transplant Games (NTG) the athlete will compete in the age-group on the day of the Opening Ceremony.
This specification also applies for athletes who are given an **Extra Opportunity** to qualify (within 10% of standard at NTG) as well as those who applied for **Extra-Ordinary Opportunity** to qualify. The Selection Committee will consider the different age group category for the WTG in which the athlete will compete when evaluating performance.
2. In the re-qualifying period, the athlete will have to qualify in the age group he/she will be competing in the WTG.

DONOR PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS EVENTS

Donor families and living donors are invited to participate in five special events that receive special recognition in the schedule:

- 5km Run
- Power walk
- 100m athletic sprint
- Ball Throw

Please contact the SATSA Executive Secretary if you are interested in participating.

DEADLINE: 31ST MARCH 2022

NOTE: All Covid-19 protocols will be adhered to – no compulsory proof of vaccination at this stage.

We wish you all good health and look forward to seeing you at the Games.

Yours in Transplant Sports



JAN MARAIS
Executive Secretary

4th March 2022